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in reply, please refer to:

04-986A CAB

Mr. Carlito Caliboso, Chairman Public Utilities Commission State of Hawaii 465 South King Street, First Floor Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Caliboso:

SUBJECT: Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed East Oahu

Transmission Project

This letter is to transmit the following comments on the subject document:

Control of Fugitive Dust:

There is a significant potential for fugitive dust emissions during all phases of construction. Proposed construction activities will occur in proximity to existing residences, public areas and major thoroughfares, thereby exacerbating potential dust problems. It is recommended that a dust control management plan be developed which identifies and addresses all activities that have a potential to generate fugitive dust. Implementation of adequate dust control measures during all phases of development and construction activities is warranted.

Construction activities must comply with the provisions of Hawaii Administrative Rules, §11-60.1-33 on Fugitive Dust.

The contractor should provide adequate measures to control dust from the road areas and during the various phases of construction. These measures include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) Plan the different phases of construction, focusing on minimizing the amount of dust-generating materials and activities, centralizing on-site vehicular traffic routes, and locating potential dust-generating equipment in areas of the least impact:
- b) Provide an adequate water source at the site prior to start-up of construction activities:

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- c) Landscape and provide rapid covering of bare areas, including slopes, starting from the initial grading phase;
- d) Minimize dust from shoulders and access roads;
- e) Provide adequate dust control measures during weekends, after hours, and prior to daily start-up of construction activities; and
- f) Control dust from debris being hauled away from the project site.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Barry Ching of my staff at 586-4200.

Sincerely,

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